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CLAIMS

What I claim is:

1. A passenger top mount airbag cushion having at least one fabric component, having an offset created by closing a slit, notch or opening therein, and wherein said airbag cushion possesses an effective fabric usage factor of less than about 0.0260.
2. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of claim 1 wherein said airbag possesses an effective fabric usage factor of less than about 0.020.
3. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of Claim 1 wherein said airbag cushion is made from at least two fabric panels
4. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of Claim 3 wherein said airbag cushion is made by connecting said panels with substantially straight seams.
5. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of Claim 4 wherein said airbag cushion has a fabric utilization of at least 90%.
6. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of Claim 1 wherein said airbag cushion comprises a looped pocket into which an inflator can may be disposed.
7. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of Claim 1 wherein said airbag cushion

5 ~~further comprises plastic rods at the mouth.~~

8. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of Claim 1 wherein said airbag cushion comprises at least two fabric components connected by at least one seam.

10 9. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of claim 1, wherein said airbag cushion has about a 50% reduction in total seams over a conventional top mount cushion.

10. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of claim 1, wherein said airbag cushion has about a 40% reduction in fabric usage over a conventional top mount cushion.

15 11. In a vehicle restraint system, the improvement comprising the airbag cushion of Claim 1.

20 12. ~~A vehicle restraint system comprising the airbag cushion of Claim 1.~~

13. In a method of forming an airbag cushion, the improvement comprising the steps of cutting at least one slit, notch or opening in the fabric of the main panel and closing the slit notch, or opening with a seam to create an offset.

25 14. An airbag cushion formed by the method of claim 13.

15. A passenger top mount airbag cushion having at least one fabric component, having an offset created by closing a slit, notch or opening, and wherein said airbag cushion

- 5 possesses an effective fabric weight factor of about 8.0 or less.
16. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of claim 15, wherein said airbag cushion possesses an effective fabric weight factor of about 3.0 or less.
- 10 17. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of Claim 15 wherein said airbag cushion is made from at least two fabric panels.
18. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of Claim 17 wherein said airbag cushion is made by connecting said panels with substantially straight seams.
- 15 19. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of Claim 18 wherein said airbag cushion has a fabric utilization of at least 90%.
20. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of Claim 15 wherein said airbag cushion comprises a looped pocket into which an inflator can may be disposed.
- 20 21. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of Claim 15 wherein said airbag cushion further comprises plastic rods at the mouth.
- 25 22. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of Claim 15 wherein said airbag cushion comprises at least two fabric components connected by at least one seam.
23. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of claim 15, wherein said airbag cushion

5 ~~has about a 50% reduction in total seams over a conventional top mount cushion.~~

24. The passenger top mount airbag cushion of claim 15, wherein said airbag cushion has about a 40% reduction in fabric usage over a conventional top mount cushion.

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pat 25. In a vehicle restraint system, the improvement comprising the airbag cushion of Claim 15.

26. A vehicle restraint system comprising the airbag cushion of Claim 15.

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